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PATENT
4450-0199P

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Daniel KNAPP, et al. Conf.: 5291
Appl. No.: 10/002,472 Group: 2839
Filed: November 2, 2001 Examiner: Chandrika PRASAD
For: SLACK MANAGER FOR FIBER OPTIC CABLES
AND METHOD OF MANAGING SLACK IN SAME

LARGE ENTITY TRANSMITTAL FORM
FOR REPLY AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 7, 2004

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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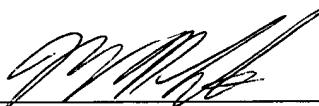
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Respectfully submitted,

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In reply to the Office Action dated October 16, 2003, the period for response having been extended three (3) months to April 16, 2004, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes:

Amendments to the Specification;

Amended Claim set;

Amended Drawings; and

Remarks.